

Dear Parents,

One of our goals at Bayou Academy is to assist your child in becoming a lifelong reader. The summer months provide the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences. This summer we are asking each student entering 5th grade to read 2 chapter books with a 4.5 reading level or higher. We are not designating which books students must read, because we want them to be able to find a book that interest them. **After reading the book, the student will answer 3 questions from the list provided. When school starts back in August, your child will turn in the questions and will be allowed to take AR tests on the books. Answer the questions on the form provided with this letter.**

After the students have chosen a book, you can use arbookfind.com website to determine grade level, interest level and points for the book. If they book is not listed, then it is not an AR book and the student will not be able to take a test for that book.

The following tips will be helpful for summer reading:

- *Whenever possible, children should read at least 10 minutes per day.
- *Read aloud to your children, even if they want to read independently.
- *Read outside.
- *Set aside a portion of the day as DEAR time-Drop Everything And Read.
- *Encourage your child to read magazines, newspapers, even the back of a cereal box!
- *Ask questions about what they are reading: who, what, when, where, why and how.
- *Review comprehension, vocabulary and listening skills when reading aloud.

Thank you and happy reading
Keith Aycok

1. What character do you like least? Why?
2. What character do you like the most? Why?
3. The part of the book/chapter that surprised me was when....
4. Is there a problem in the story? What is it? How was it solved?
5. Who is the main character? Describe him/her using at least three adjectives.
6. What advice would you give a particular character? Why?
7. The lesson I learned from the story was ...
8. In what ways are you like any of the characters in the book? Explain.
9. If you had been the main character in the story, would you have acted differently? Why or why not?
10. If you could trade places with one of the characters, who would it be and why?
11. What was the best part of the story? Why?
12. If you were the author, what would you change in the story? Why would you make that change?
13. Is what you read believable? Why or why not?
14. Pretend you are interviewing the main character of the story. What two questions would you ask?
15. What do you remember most from the story?
16. What is the main idea of the book that you read? How do you know?